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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

SUMMARY: ON APRIL 9 APPROXIMATELY 200 TO 300 CYPRIOT STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATED AT UNIVERSITY AND U.S. EMBASSY STRONG POLICE
MEASURES PREVENTED DAMAGE/INJURY AT U.S. EMBASSY. SEVEN POLICE
INJURED AND 17 STUDENTS ARRESTED. END SUMMARY

1. ON APRIL 9 AT 20:00 HOURS CYPRIOT STUDENTS NUMBERING
APPROXIMATELY 200-300 HELD DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE
UNIVERSITY. ALSO ATTENDING WERE MEMBERS OF EXTREMEIST STUDENT
GROUPS EKKE (MAOIST). SPEECHES WERE GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF GREEK
CYPRIOT DEMANDS ON CYPRUS AND DEPLORING RECENT US/TURKISH
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2. THE ATHENS POLICE DIRECTOR ENFORCED THE PROHIBITION NOT TO

ALLOW DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS REQUEST TO MARCH TO US EMBASSY.
DEMONSTRATORS BROKE UP IN SMALL GROUPS AND USING SEVERAL STREETS
AND CONVERGED AT 1920 HRS ON U.S. EMBASSY. BETWEEN 200 AND 300
DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTED TO FORM UP AS A GROUP BEHIND U.S. PARKING AREA.

REINFORCED POLICE UNITS INCLUDING WELL EQUIPPED RIOT POLICE E.G.
PLASTIC SHIELDS, WHITE STEEL HELMETS, REPEATEDLY CHARGED THE
DEMONSTRATORS AND CHASED THEM DOWN THE SIDE STREETS. THE
DEMONSTRATORS THREW ROCKS RESULTING IN SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS
BEING INJURED. ONE POLICE LIEUTENANT SUFFERED A BROKEN SHOULDER.
NO REPORTS ON EXTENT OF INJURIES TO DEMONSTRATORS. SEVENTEEN STUDENTS
WERE ARRESTED. AT 20:40 HOURS THE DEMONSTRATION WAS OVER AND
TRAFFIC AROUND EMBASSY WAS BACK TO NORMAL

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICE ADVISED HE HAD STRICT INSTRUCTIONS
AND FULL SUPPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
OFFICE TO BREAK UP MARCHING DEMONSTRATORS AND ABOVE ALL PROTECT
US EMBASSY. MORE THAN USUAL NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS,
FIRE-FIGHTING WATER TRUCKS AND ARMoured-TEAR GAS TRUCKS WERE NOTED
SURROUNDING US EMBASSY PERIMETER.

4. NO INJURY TO AMERICANS OR EMPLOYEES OF US EMBASSY. ALSO
NO DAMAGE TO US EMBASSY. EMBASSY INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES WHICH
INCLUDE HAVING ALL MSG'S IN THE BUILDING PROVED MORE THAN
ADEQUATE FOR ABOVE DEMONSTRATION.
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